

Advocacy Comments on EPA's Proposed Rules on Formaldehyde Emissions Standards for Composite Wood Products

On May 20, 2014, Office of Advocacy (Advocacy) submitted comments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) in response to its April 8, 2014 notice reopening the comment period on its rulemakings on Formaldehyde Emissions Standards for Composite Wood Products, Docket No. EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0018. EPA's proposed rule endeavored to protect the public from the risks associated with exposure to formaldehyde. EPA reopened the comment period to address new information from the California Air Resources Board regarding its regulation of laminated products.

- Advocacy's letter reiterates its support for the recommendations of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) panel, which EPA convened, as required by statute, to consult with small businesses on this impact of this proposed rule.
- Advocacy encourages EPA to adopt regulatory requirements consistent with the CARB Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) on Composite Wood Products and exempt those laminated products that can be exempted consistent with the direction given in the Toxic Substances Control Act § 601(b)(1).
- Advocacy's comments on this notice supplement [Advocacy's public comments dated August 21, 2013](#).

For further information regarding this issue, as well as a complete copy of Advocacy's letter to EPA, please visit [Advocacy's website](#) or contact David Rostker at (202) 205-6966.